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## **GRAIN SUMMARY**

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### ***1999 SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT CROP UNCHANGED***

**SIOUX FALLS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1999**--The 1999 South Dakota wheat crop is nearly identical to last year's crop, down less than 1 percent below 1998's production, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Despite decreased acreage, production remained steady because of higher yields. The 1999 production is down significantly for oats, barley, and rye.

**All wheat** production, at 120.58 million bushels, is less than 1 percent below last year's production of 120.88 million bushels. The all wheat yield is a record 39.9 bushels, up 3.2 bushels from 1998. Harvested acres, at 3.02 million, are down 8 percent from 1998. Planted acres, at 3.11 million, are down 9 percent from 1998's revised 3.43 million.

**Other spring wheat** production, at 59.85 million bushels, is up 1 percent from 1998. Yield, at 35.0 bushels per acre, is up 3 bushels from last year. Producers harvested 1.71 million acres, down 8 percent from 1998. Planted acres, at 1.75 million, are down 8 percent from 1998's revised 1.90 million.

**Winter wheat** production, at 59.22 million bushels, is down 3 percent from 1998. Yield, at a record 47.0 bushels per acre, is 4 bushels above last year. Harvested acres, at 1.26 million, are down 11 percent from 1998. Planted acres, at 1.30 million, are down 13 percent from 1998.

**Durum wheat** production, at 1.51 million bushels, is 242 percent above last year. Yield, at 28.0 bushels per acre, is up 2 bushels from last year. Planted and harvested acres were adjusted to 55,000 and 54,000, respectively. This is a change from the previous June Acreage Survey figures.

**Oat** production, at 12.80 million bushels, is 36 percent below last year. Yield, at 64.0 bushels, is 3 bushels below last year. Harvested acres, at 200,000, are down 33 percent from 1998. Planted acres, at 320,000, are down 24 percent from 1998.

**Barley** production is 3.55 million bushels, 22 percent below last year. Yield is 48.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from 1998. Acreage continued its steady decline with 80,000 planted and 74,000 harvested.

**Rye** production, at 1.01 million bushels, is down 28 percent from last year despite a record yield of 44.0 bushels per acre. Planted and harvested acres were adjusted to 24,000 and 23,000, respectively.

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